

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 685

By Keisling

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Jason Emert on being elected chairman of the Young Republican National Federation.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to recognize a young Tennessean who has assumed the reins of leadership through public service and political involvement; and

WHEREAS, on August 5, 2017, Jason Emert was elected chairman of the Young Republican National Federation (YRNF), joining fellow Tennessean Governor Don Sundquist as a holder of this prestigious office; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Emert defeated his opponent at the YRNF National Convention in Annapolis by an overwhelming majority of almost eighty-five percent of the vote, one of the largest margins of victory ever in a contested chairman's race; the rest of his slate, YR Majority, was elected by acclamation; and

WHEREAS, an emerging leader in American politics and a well-known and trusted voice in the conservative movement, he has previously been honored as Young Republican National Federation Man of the Year, a "Future Leader in Foreign Policy" by Foreign Policy Initiative, and "Future 40" by Maverick PAC, and he previously served as YRNF national secretary; and

WHEREAS, since assuming office, Chairman Emert has traveled around the country speaking about issues important to the millennial generation and the future of America; most notably, he addressed thousands of leading conservative women at the National Federation of Republican Women Convention in Philadelphia and challenged them to bring in more millennial leadership; and

WHEREAS, an eighth generation East Tennessean, Jason Emert is a Knoxville-area businessman who grew up on a farm in Blount County and now teaches American Government as an adjunct instructor at Tusculum College; and

WHEREAS, entering the realm of public service as a Maryville High School student, Jason Emert worked for Blount County Executive Bill Crisp, future county mayor and then-Register of Deeds Beverley Woodruff, and the Blount County Commission in his first paid job; while a junior and senior at Farragut High School, Jason Emert worked on U.S. Senator Lamar Alexander's 2002 campaign and then in the Senator's Knoxville office, assisting with constituent issues; and

WHEREAS, through his leadership in the YRNF and the Republican Party, Jason Emert is playing an instrumental role in developing the future leaders of our nation, including himself, and he should be recognized for his exemplary service to the conservative movement; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Jason Emert on being elected chairman of the Young Republican National Federation, thank him for helping bring millennials into the political process, and wish him all the best during his tenure in office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.